

### **REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided in the present application. Claims 25, 26, 28-36 and 42-46 are now present in the application. No amendment has been made by this Reply. Claims 25 and 44 are independent. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

#### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 25, 26, 32-36 and 42-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable by Geppert, "IC Design on the World Wide Web", hereinafter "Geppert", in view of Kolman, U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0071715, hereinafter "Kolman." Claims 28-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geppert in view of Kolman and further in view of Kundert, "Power Supply Noise Reduction" (hereinafter "Kundert"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejections is set forth in the Office Action, and is not repeated herein.

It is noted that a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 is attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration. The attached Declaration antedates the Kolman reference for the reasons set forth in the attached Declaration. In view of this, Kolman is not available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and therefore cannot be relied on by the Examiner to reject the claims of the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) has been rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

Based on the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 25, 26, 28-36 and 42-46 earnestly is solicited.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Enclosure: Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131